

Natural Resources Conservation & Development Board
Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 15, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.
Teleconference

Board members in attendance:

George Woodbury, Chair
Suzanne Fisler
Cheryl Thompson
Kristie Renfrew

Others in attendance:

Shana Joy, DNR
Anne Nelson, Dept of Law
Ken Marsh, US SWCD
Gary Morrison, Alaska SWCD
Betty Vehrs, AACD
Steve Hicks, AACD
Cynthia Olson, US SWCD
Ryan Stencel, Anchorage SWCD
Carl Berger, Lower Kuskokwim
Economic Council

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m. and determined that a quorum was present.

☐ **Agenda**

Shana Joy requested a postponement of the Agricultural Strategic Plan update to the next meeting. Agenda approved as amended.

☐ **July 15, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

Kristie moved to approve the minutes. Cheryl seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

☐ **Executive Director Update**

Shana Joy reported that there are no new developments concerning the Executive Director position and that DNR is still working with the Division of Personnel on possible ways to fill the position. Shana will continue to act as Executive Director for the time being. No other items of news to report.

☐ **SWCD FY 09 Plans of Work**

- **Fairbanks SWCD.** Amended/revised work plan not yet received from the district. Shana will continue to follow up.
- **Homer SWCD.** Amended work plan was received and reviewed by the board. There is still a question as to how much funding the district has available to them which would preferably be shown on a summary balance sheet at the end of the work plan. Additional questions by the board included why the percentages of funding to be used for Goal 2 do not equal 100% and of the state funding mentioned, which year(s) grants are being referred to. Further revision will be requested from the district.
- **Kenai SWCD.** No complete work plan has been received. The district has reported computer issues. Shana will continue to follow up.

- **Kodiak SWCD.** No work plan has been received. The district is without a district manager and remaining staff are overloaded. Shana will continue to follow up.
- **Palmer SWCD.** Amended work plan was received and reviewed by the board. Kristie moved to approve the amended plan. Suzanne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Salcha-Delta SWCD.** Amended work plan was received and reviewed by the board. The board pointed out a possible typo in the fiscal year the plan was created for (2008 vs. 2009). This question will be clarified with the district. Kristie moved to approve the plan. Cheryl seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Upper Susitna SWCD.** Amended work plan was received and reviewed by the board. Suzanne moved to approve the plan. Kristie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Wasilla SWCD.** Amended work plan was received and reviewed by the board. The board would like to see a summary sheet of total funding available to the district at the end of the plan with balances. While the additional funding sources are listed on the last two pages of the amended plan, there are no balances indicated. There is also a question as to which state grants (year(s)) and which NRCS grants (year(s)) are being referenced. Further revision will be requested from the district.

☐ **Public Comments**

None were offered.

☐ **Board Comments**

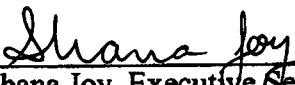
None were offered.

☐ **Next Meeting Date and Location**

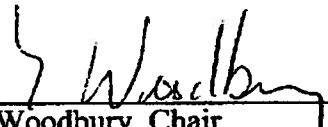
Holding a meeting at the same time as the AACD Fall Conference was considered but a teleconference prior to that to finish up the annual work plan review and discuss attendance of the AACD Fall Conference. Shana will work to coordinate a date/time for this teleconference based upon receipt of missing and revised annual work plans sometime the last part of September.

☐ **Meeting Adjourned at 3:57 p.m.**

Minutes taken by:


Shana Joy, Executive Secretary
Department of Natural Resources

Minutes approved by:


George Woodbury, Chair
NRCDB